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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Okada *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/474,127

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For: **Axle Driving Apparatus**

Art Unit: 3682

Examiner: To be Assigned

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**Supplemental Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



Please enter the following amendment into the application prior to the examination thereof.

Please amend the captioned application as follows:

***In the Claims:***

Please add the following claims:

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8. An axle driving apparatus comprising:  
a housing;  
an axle contained in said housing so as to project outwardly  
therefrom;  
a variable displacement hydraulic pump provided with a movable swash plate;  
a positioning plate enclosed in said housing for controlling the tilt angle of said  
movable swash plate;